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TAGS: ENRG, OVIP, PL (LEJCZAK, WLODZIMIERZ)

SUBJ: VISIT OF MINISTER LEJCZAK TO US

REF: STATE 044693

1. I CALLED RECENTLY ON THE NEW MINISTER OF MINING,  
WLODZIMIERZ LEJCZAK, AT HIS REQUEST. LEJCZAK ASKED ME  
TO CONVEY TO SECRETARY ANDRUS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE  
SECRETARY'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE US. LEJCZAK THOUGHT  
HIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT SUCH A TRIP IN EITHER LATE  
SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. I PROMISED TO TRY TO GIVE HIM  
AND EARLY ANSWER AS TO WHETHER THIS TIMING WOULD BE CONVENIENT  
FOR SECRETARY ANDRUS.

2. LEJCZAK SAID PRESIDENT DUDDERER OF US STEEL HAD CALLED  
ON HIM IN MAY. US STEEL REPORTEDLY IS VERY INTERESTED IN  
SECURING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF COKING COAL AND COKE. THE  
MINISTER THOUGHT THIS INTEREST COULD BE TRANSLATED INTO A  
PROMISING COOPERATIVE PROJECT IF US BANKS WERE  
WILLING TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF  
NEW MINES NEEDED TO INCREASE POLAND'S COAL OUTPUT.

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LEJCZAK SAID THE GOP HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE ROLE  
PLAYED BY US BANKS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLAND'S COPPER  
INDUSTRY AND HOPED THEY WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO UNDERWRITE  
SOME OF THE COST OF THE CONTINUING EXPANSION OF  
POLAND'S COAL INDUSTRY. (COMMENT: LEJCZAK CLEARLY HAD IN  
MIND THE MORTGAGING OF FUTURE COAL DELIVERIES TO OBTAIN  
BADLY NEEDED FINANCIAL CREDITS. THE GOP HAS ALREADY

CONCLUDED SUCH AGREEMENTS, GUARANTEEING FUTURE COAL DELIVERIES IN EXCHANGE FOR GOVERNMENT-BACKED CREDITS, WITH SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BELGIUM, SPAIN, AND THE NETHERLANDS. END COMMENT).

3. THE MINISTER SAID HE WOULD SEND A SMALL THREE OR FOUR-MAN DELEGATION TO VISIT US STEEL AND OTHER FIRMS, INCLUDING FMC, IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO EXPLORE OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION IN MINE CONSTRUCTION AND THE PRODUCTION OF MINING EQUIPMENT. HE NOTED THAT POLAND'S TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT IN LONG-WALL MINING IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THAT USED IN THE UNITED STATES. HE THOUGHT POLAND'S EXPERIENCE IN THE PRODUCTION OF MINING EQUIPMENT OFFERED MANY UNTAPPED POSSIBILITIES FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH US PRODUCERS. HE HOPED THAT DURING HIS STAY IN THE US HE WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT LEADING FIRMS, LIKE US STEEL, FMC, AND OTHERS, WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS.

4. I ASKED THE MINISTER ABOUT THE JOINT RESEARCH IN COAL LIQUEFACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH ERDA. LEJCZAK SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN ERDA'S PROPOSALS AND HOPED THAT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM JOINT RESEARCH. HE OBSERVED THAT COAL PROMISED TO BE THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND SUGGESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WE TRY TO LINK THE RESEARCH TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH COMMERCIAL FORMS OF COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD. THE MINISTER SAID THE POLES HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME SUCCESS IN THE LIQUEFACTION OF COAL, A PROCESS HE CHARACTERIZED AS "SEMI-INDUSTRIAL."

5. LEJCZAK WAS PLEASED WITH COAL PRODUCTION IN POLAND THUS FAR IN 1977. HE SAID OUTPUT OF HARD COAL SHOULD REACH 100 MILLION TONS BY THE TENTH OF JULY, AND HE SEEMED TO BELIEVE HIS MINISTRY WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN SURPASSING THE GOALS SET FOR IT IN THE 1977 ECONOMIC PLAN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER SECRETARY ANDRUS COULD RECEIVE MINISTER LEJCZAK IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.  
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